

FURIOUS STORMS

Cause Many Wrecks on Both Coasts Of the Atlantic Ocean.

GUNBOAT AGROUND

In Norfolk Harbor, and News Of Disaster Continues To Come In From All Points.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—A Lloyd's dispatch from Portland Hill on the South Devon coast says a steamer is sending up rockets for assistance in West bay. It is supposed to be the Westernland of the Red Star line from Antwerp, December 15, for New York.

The Westernland was last reported passing The Lizard in tow of the British steamer Somerhill, which was bringing her back. The Westernland signaled that she had lost her propeller.

A terrific gale is raging on the English coast. Several small ships are reported to have been wrecked.

The White Star liner Cufic has been abandoned off the Skerries. Her anchors were dropped in seventeen fathoms of water and the crew landed by tugs at Holyhead. The Cufic was extricated from her perilous position this afternoon and is now bound for Liverpool in tow.

The hawsers of the tugs which were towing the Cufic parted in the heavy sea. It is supposed the Somerhill lost the Westernland in the same manner.

LATER—A dispatch to the Exchange telegraph says the steamer signaling for assistance in West bay is the Somerhill. Tugs which were sent to the vessel's assistance have been unable to reach her.

Casualties are reported from many points in the south and west coast. The storm is also serious in the north. Scotland has been cut off by telegraph.

PORTLAND, England, Dec. 21.—The Red Star steamer Westernland has put in here with her propeller broken. She will reach Southampton tonight.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Officials of the Red Star line were delighted when the News dispatches were shown them announcing that the Westernland had arrived at Portland, England. Earlier dispatches reporting the severe storms on the English coast, and that the Somerhill which had been towing the disabled Westernland had appeared in West bay alone, flying distress signals, had led to anxiety for the safety of the Red Star liner. The Westernland has thirty-seven cabin and 300 stowage passengers.

Wreck On the Florida Coast.

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 21.—A large English tank steamer went ashore south of here. The breakers are running high and the wreckers cannot reach her. The probabilities are that the steamer will be a total loss.

No news has been received of the landing of the crew.

Fierce Gale at Norfolk.

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 21.—The Atlantic coast this morning was storm swept and the gale is still raging. At 11 o'clock the wind was blowing 50 miles an hour at Cape Henry and was steadily increasing.

Big Schooner Ashore.

Cape Henry lookout reports a big unknown three masted schooner stranded eight miles south, and rapidly going to pieces.

Ocean Liner Aground.

The Chesapeake and Ohio ocean liner Rapidan, the largest vessel trading regularly out of Hampton Roads, lies aground two miles below Thimble light. She is loaded with cattle and a miscellaneous cargo for Europe.

Wires Down.

The wires to the dangerous Hatteras coast are down and nothing has been heard from there.

The schooner Mary Hudson was run down and sunk in Norfolk harbor at daylight this morning by the steamer

NEW COAL COMPANY

CONTEMPLATING LARGE WORKS IN CAPITAN DISTRICT.

All the Coal Will Be Converted Into Coke on the Ground, and Development of the Iron Deposits on a Large Scale is Expected to Follow Soon.

H. B. Layton returned last night from a week's trip to the Capitan country. Mr. Layton says that the new coal company owned by the Bethlehem Steel company of Pennsylvania, are working all the men they can get and the mines have a very active appearance.

He says the company have not given out their plans but it is understood there that they propose converting all their coal into coke on the grounds. The coal has been thoroughly tested and proved to be a fine article for coke and it can be burned there and delivered to the smelters in this section much cheaper than the Pennsylvania article can be delivered here.

The company are now putting their railroad track to the mines and will be ready to ship some time this winter. They have thoroughly inspected the iron fields and find that there is over 50,000,000 tons of the best ore to be found in the west. The company probably intends to work the iron next year and it is believed that they will put a large furnace at the mines. The company is one of the largest in the United States and can successfully compete with eastern concerns when the plant is once in operation.

The eight hour scale has been adopted at the mines and three sets of men are working day and night. The coal is being heaped up by the mines and will be shipped out as soon as the railroad track is completed.

DETECTIVES ARE HUNTING FOR THE MEN WHO SNATCHED YOUNG CUDAHY.

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 21.—An important arrest in connection with the kidnaping of Edward Cudahy, Jr., is expected today. Pinkerton detectives engaged by the boy's father are cooperating with the local police in searching for the kidnapers and also for the gold mulcted from Cudahy, which is believed to have been buried somewhere near Omaha.

Pat Crow, well known in local police circles, is the man whom police suspect of being the leader of the gang of Cudahy's abductors. Posses of officers in plain clothes are looking for Crow but so far he has not been found.

THE WIFE OF SENATOR FRYE DIED SUDDENLY THIS MORNING AT WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The wife of Senator Frye, of Maine, died suddenly this morning.

Mrs. Frye had been sick a few days but no serious apprehension was felt. She passed away at 9:15 this morning in her apartment at the Hamilton. The senator was in the adjoining room at the time, supposing Mrs. Frye was asleep.

Her ailment was heart trouble. Senator Frye started with the remains for Lewiston, Maine, this afternoon.

Mrs. Frye, was sixty-seven years old.

SWITZERLAND HAS FINALLY RATIFIED EXTRADITION TREATY WITH U. S.

BERNE, Switzerland, Dec. 21.—The national council has ratified the extradition treaty with the United States by a vote of 83 to 5. The treaty was recently ratified by the states council so that it has now passed both Swiss houses.

Commodore Duryea. Her crew of five barely escaped with their lives. They made shore in a small skiff.

The Worst in Years.

The storm is the worst of the year. No vessel ventured to sea today except the United States transport Cooke, which passed the capes in defiance of the storm, bound for New York.

Gunboat Annapolis Stranded.

The gunboat Annapolis, awaiting orders to sail for the Philippines, ran aground in Norfolk harbor during the storm this morning. Tugs are working on the big gun boat, which seems fast in the mud.

HUMANE SOCIETY

Should Be Organized in This City To Take Charge Of Abuses.

IN COOPERATION

Lies the Solution Of the Problem Of Procuring Decent Treatment For Humans and Beasts

A Herald man asked the Rev. Mr. Wheeler, the street missionary, what steps, if any, he expected to take in the matter of the little girl that is performing on the stage of a low resort in this city. His answer in substance was as follows:

"It seems that the people expect me to take some step in this matter but the people do not understand the position in which I am placed in this case. I am obliged to take two sides of this case. As everybody who knows me knows, I am an ex-showman and I am not disposed to fight show people. I have had a hard enough time as a snowman to know that they have enough troubles without me adding more. But I cannot endorse show people when they step out of the bounds of law and order and common decency.

"If the people are willing to cooperate with me with their assistance I can rescue the little girl, but I will not go and take her away from her mother and put her out on the streets to beg for a living.

"It is not right to take her away from her mother, nor to take her mother away from her method of earning a living, without providing a home and something for them to do.

"There is a state law that covers this case. You will find this case touched upon by article 335, sections A and B, of the statutes of Texas. This law says that a child under twelve years of age being mistreated or kept in an immoral place, or having an incompetent parent or guardian in a moral sense, may be rescued by any private individual, by going before a proper judge and making an affidavit to the effect that such is the case. But it would not be a humane act to the child or mother to take them away from where they now are and turn them out on the world to again grasp at a straw like this to be saved from poverty.

"If some person with the means to carry out his plans will go to the woman and tell her that if she will quit the stage of an immoral theater and seek a more respectable livelihood he will secure her the position by which she may do this and pay her way to the place, it might have some effect.

"The prayers of the church people and the horror that they express when they think of the life that little girl is being led into will not rescue the girl. They must act. If the citizens will cooperate with me I will organize a humane society here. I would be glad to do it. I can secure a charter that will empower the society to appoint a special officer to arrest people guilty of inhuman acts to humans or beasts.

"We could have no more power in the case under discussion than the law gives the single individual, but the idea is this: We would have a body to act together. In union there is strength.

"The society would have a man on the lookout for such cases. He would report them to the society, then all together, they would step in and interfere with the law breaker and rescue the persecuted or the wronged in any way. If money was required to do so we would have a body to act together to raise the money to carry out the plans.

"What is everybody's business is nobody's business. That is the way with the case of the little girl. If we had a humane society it would be the business of the society and its alone to rescue the little girl. When we get the industrial school bill passed then

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PLANS FOR CARNIVAL

Are Now Maturing, and the Outlook Is Better Than Ever.

FINE ATTRACTIONS

Will Be Offered, and There Will Be Something To Amuse and Interest Every Visitor.

Since the Carnival association has advertised such wonderful success in arranging for the big show many local people have been asking the question: "What is it going to be?"

The association has been working more than talking and today gave out something that thoroughly explains why they advertise the greatest carnival ever held in these parts. Everything that has ever been exhibited in the carnivals in the eastern states will be put out here and in addition to this things will be seen here that has been beyond the reach of eastern cities and will remain so because of the fact that they cannot mold their grounds to prepare for some of the things that will be presented here.

The eruption of Mt. Franklin is beyond the reach of any city in the United States and the attractions of quaint old Juarez can only be seen in that village, with the Mexican manufacturing all the curious filigree and drawn work never presented in an American city as fully and realistic as it will be given here.

Secretary Lockwood gave the Herald reporter a list of the general and Midway attractions this morning that have already been booked and assured him that as many more would be added before the end of the week.

The contract for the Mexican village was let to Mrs. Victoria Sloat of El Paso this morning, and she agrees to have a typical interior scene, with small houses made of chapparral and other native shrubbery of the interior of Mexico. In all these little houses the natives can be seen making drawn work, filigree, feather plumage, artificial fur and other things. The girls will be dressed in the costume used in the interior which is not old or common by any means here in El Paso. An old style Mexican orchestra will also be one of the attractions in the village and will play day and night through the carnival week.

A contract has been signed with Mr. Patrick for the reproduction of a Yaqui Indian village, which promises to be new in every particular. It is the same that has been prepared for the great exposition to be given at Buffalo, New York, next summer. The Indian war dancers and ghost dancers will be one of the leading features of this attraction.

A German village has also been arranged for that will take every German laid in the mountains of old Germany and in the real gardens will be served all the native dishes so palatable to those people. Beer will flow in constant stream and every feature of it will be German in the extreme.

The contract has also been signed with the Geisser & Huschorn Alpine Yodlers, an attraction that has been seen very few places in the United States. It is the same attraction and people that the Waldorf-Astoria had for one winter and paid \$1,000 per week for. There are two leading ladies and two gentlemen in the cast. The scenes are foreign and the Alpine songs and dances with the splendid either accompaniment presented by this company have been seen only in the leading cities of the east and very few times here. It is a rare scene in the heights of the Alps where all the grandeur or Nature exhibits itself.

The show is given in reality accompanied by the sound of the coocons and the chirp of the blue jays and the cattle are heard in the distance.

A Japanese act, the finest ever seen on the continent, is booked for the entire week.

The J. W. Tschudi moving pictures have also been secured. He presents

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OVER \$20,000,000

IN MEXICAN SILVER HAS BEEN SHIPPED TO ORIENT

During the Last Five Months, and the Stringency is Serious.—The Bankers Are in Conference With the Government.

While the leading banks of Mexico are endeavoring to stop the exportation of silver from that country they are accomplishing very little.

Over \$95,000 went through this port today and fifty thousand went through yesterday. It appears that most of the recent shipments have gone to New York where merchants that trade with China send it away and profit by the exchange. The amount of the daily exports published in The Herald a few days ago were considerably under estimated according to the custom house reports, which show that the amount often reaches \$300,000 and very seldom falls below \$50,000.

This has been going on for over five months during which time nearly \$20,000,000 has left Mexico for the orient. It is becoming a serious problem for Mexico, since that country must furnish the cash for all of China and a goodly part of the subsidiary money of Japan.

The question of letting out all the silver reserve in the Mexican treasury meets the hearty approval of the banks but it is known that this cannot give permanent relief as long as the money is sent out of the country at such a rate as it is going now. It is understood that the larger banks have recommended the export duty on silver again and Enrique Creel of Chihuahua and a number of the other leading bankers of the republic are now in Mexico City to consult with the president and his secretary of the treasury about reestablishing the export duty.

The circulating money of Mexico has been growing scarcer every month for a year but has not been affecting the banks seriously until very recently. Since they cannot secure sufficient coin to meet the daily demands, however, they have taken the matter up and are endeavoring to effect some change.

THE QUEEN IS AGAIN REPORTED TO BE RAPIDLY FAILING IN HEALTH.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—It is beginning to be whispered in west end circles that the queen is failing.

Nothing to give color to the rumor is had in official reports of the queen's health.

Her majesty is said to have aged rapidly in the last few months. Her appetite, usually so good, has deserted her. The war and personal losses which the queen has suffered through the year are regarded as the chief causes for her failing, though the natural ills of the flesh are back of this.

MINISTER CONGER HAS BEEN INSTRUMENTED TO SIGN THE POWERS' JOINT NOTE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The state department this morning cabled instructions to Minister Conger authorizing his signature to the agreement of the representatives of the powers in Pekin, including the "irrevocable" preamble and also the paragraph states that the document is not to be considered as an ultimatum to China.

All the other powers have now taken this action.

PRESIDENT MCKINLEY TO START ON WESTERN TOUR ABOUT FIRST OF MAY.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—President McKinley decided today to start from Washington about the first of May on his trip to the Pacific coast to attend the launching of the battleship Ohio.

Representative Jones of Washington called at the white house this morning and begged the president to include his state in his itinerary. The president promised to do so if possible.

MARTIAL LAW HAS BEEN PROCLAIMED IN NORTHERN CAPE COLONY.

CAPE TOWN, Dec. 21.—Martial law has been proclaimed in northern Cape Colony.

The Cape Dutch are much excited by the Boer invasion and the situation is regarded here as grave.

CHILDREN'S HAPPY DAY

The Kindergartens Have their Delightful Christmas Exercises.

A PRETTY SIGHT

When All the Little Men and Women Tried to Affect Indifference To Old Santa Claus.

There is nothing finer and jollier in El Paso than the kindergartens, and their Christmas celebration is their brightest, jolliest morning of all. The school was crowded this morning with the two classes of little ones and the throng of mothers, sisters, and friends who had been invited to see their tree. The circle of little ones, girls with braids, girls with curls, boys with big neckties, serious faced little fellows and boys running over with mischief, was eager for the games and songs.

There were the songs of the robins and the cooing song of the pigeons in their cote, the busy song of the carpenter with his saw going s-z-z-z-z and his hammer going rap-rap-rap, a song of the barnyard full of the quackings of ducks, the mooings of the cow, the bark of dogs, the hiss of the geese, the cluck of the hen, the baa-ing of the sheep and the bleating of lambs. Then the barn gate was carefully closed and other songs of the busy world were sung with the little ones clapping their hands and waving their arms and pointing their fingers to show the shining sun, the singing birds, and the bright stars. Their songs are full of music, poetry and delight.

The kindergarten games are relished as pure fun by the children, but at the same time they are continual lessons in manners, or rather in that which is finer than manners, in courtesy. The children have their morning walk, when they bow prettily to their partners and walk about to music, their morning skip which also involves a polite courtesy from each boy and girl, and a little promenade where the ceremonies include a greeting between two of the youngsters as well as a bow from the girls and a salute from the boys. One cannot dwell too much on the lessons of courtesy that the babies learn in the kindergarten. If the home training were one-half as careful, the next generation of men and women would represent the very flower of polite training. As it is, the little ones are lucky who begin their schools in El Paso's kindergartens.

But after the songs and games were about over, there was a loud shout, a ringing peal of sleigh bell music, a thumping and stamping and a shout of delight from the youngsters, and there was Santa Claus, as big, red faced, bearded and jolly as ever, talking and dancing and singing with the school as though this were not his busy season when he had to be at all four corners of the earth at once.

The children's bright eyes grew brighter, cheeks grew redder, little hands and feet twitched with excitement, and the school could hardly breathe, so great was the wonder and delight that took possession of the class.

It was interesting for the grown folks to watch the children watch Santa Claus. One small boy who evidently had but lately stepped into trousers and man's estate of cynicism, eyed Santa with big eyes and then said: "He ain't only a man," but his slight touch of doubt did not prevent his tugging at Santa's coat and asking him earnestly to not forget the bicycle.

One small girl sidled up to him with much hesitation and then in her embarrassment shouted, "Santa, they ain't any chimney in my house, please come down the bath room light."

Santa was assailed right and left. "Please bring me a bigger doll than ever this year."

"Please bring me a wagon with rubber tires."

"Where are your reindeer hitched?"

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